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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAPE TOWN 231 ACTION SECSTATE DTD 16 FEB 77.

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DEP REPEAT TO USN FOR AMB YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: COMMENT OF HELEN SUZMAN

1. COLIN EGLIN, HEAD OF THE PRP PARTY, HAS ASKED EMBASSY
WHETHER WE COULD OBTAIN INFORMATION ON CIRCUMSTANCES AND
ACCURACY OF REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG ABOUT
PRP MP HELEN SUZMAN, WHICH APPEARED IN TODAY'S CAPE TIMES.
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2. RICHARD WALKER, WRITING FROM NEW YORK, CITES COLUMIST
MARY MCGRORY AS QUOTING AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO THIS EFFECT:
WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS "DON'T SEEM THAT PERSONALLY HOSTILE...
IT SEEMS A MORE INSTITUTIONALIZED HOSTILITY, NOT AS BAD
AS THE SOUTH. I DON'T HAVE TO TALK BAD TO THOSE WHITE
LEADERS. THE HARDER-LINE THEY ARE, THE BETTER I GET

ALONG WITH THEM. I UNDERSTAND CONSERVATIVES. THE ONLY
SOUTH AFRICAN I CAN'T GET ALONG WITH IS HELEN SUZMAN...
I CAN'T STANT PATERNAL LIBEEALISM."

3. EGLINN EXPLAINED THAT ALLEGED REMARKS ARE CERTAIN
TO BE RAISED IN PARLIAMENT. HE EXPECTS HELEN SUZMAN'S
DETRACTORS TO USE IT AGAINST HER AND HE CANNOT REMAIN
SILENT. PRP CACUS ASKED HIM TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER
QUOTATION IS ACCURATE AND IF SO CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH
REMARKS WERE MADE. EGLIN SAID HE PREFERS NOT TO RESPOND
ON BASIS OF NEWSPAPER STORY, ACCURACY OF WHICH IS ALWAYS
IN DOUBT.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON RESPONSE.
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